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COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS FOR CANADA, 1913-1946

The purpose of this bulletin is to present a chronologically complete record of the Dominion Cost-of-Living Index from 1913 to 1946 on the base 1935-1939=100.

Analysis of Price Movements

(a) Current Price Levels

Although the total cost-of-living index advanced by only 26.1 per cent from August, 1939 to December, 1946, a substantial number of items increased by much more than this amount. Thus, the following food items advanced by more than 70 per cent: cheese, eggs, round steak, rolled rib roast, stewing beef, veal, bacon, lard, rice, beans, corn syrup, and lemons. Conversely, some quite important living requirements changed very little in price. In the miscellaneous index, 20 out of 37 items either fell or increased by less than 10 per cent. The weighted average of the miscellaneous group increased by only 12.6 per cent. The fuel group increased by 10.3 per cent and the rent group by 9.2 per cent. These moderate advances were in contrast to the 47.4 per cent rise in foods, and increases of 31.1 and 28.2 per cent for clothing and homefurnishings and services.

The following table gives the standing of the six main cost-of-living groups at December, 1946, as compared with the 1935-39 base and the August, 1939 base:

Table 1. - December, 1946, Standing of Groups in Cost-of-Living Index

	1935-39=100	August 1939=100
<u>Total Index</u>	<u>127.1</u>	<u>126.1</u>
Food .....	146.4	147.4
Fuel .....	109.2	110.3
Rent .....	113.4	109.2
Clothing .....	131.2	131.1
Homefurnishings & Services .....	129.4	128.2
Miscellaneous .....	114.1	112.6



The following table shows the number of individual commodities grouped according to the percentage change recorded between August, 1939 and December, 1946. Each figure represents the actual number of price changes that fall in the stated percentage ranges.

Table 2. - Percentage Changes in Cost-of-Living Items, August, 1939 to December, 1946

Percentage Changes	%Decreases	Increases					Total
		0 to 20	20 to 40	40 to 60	60 to 80	80 to 100	
Food .....	2	3	14	5	14	2	40
Fuel .....	1	1	2	-	-	-	4
Rent .....	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Clothing .....	-	5	18	3	-	-	26
Homefurnishings & Services ..	-	10	7	5	3	-	25
Miscellaneous	3	26	6	-	1	-	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>134</b>

\*-The decreases consist of cocoa, corn flakes, electricity, aspirin, tooth brushes, and street car fares in one city.

#### (b) Comparison with Other Countries

Cost-of-living index numbers are calculated by many nations. Calculations made by the United States and the United Kingdom Governments are similar in method to those used by the Canadian Government. The same applies to their general wholesale price indexes. It is, therefore, reasonable to compare these price indexes. The November, 1946, standings of the three countries are given below on a 1939 base. The Canadian figures show the smallest increases of the three.

Table 3. - Price Indexes in Three Countries, 1939=100

	Cost of Living	Wholesale Prices
Canada .....	125	148
United Kingdom .....	129	174
United States .....	153	181

#### (c) Comparison with World War I.

The cost-of-living advanced rapidly in the First World War. By 1918, the index was 46.1 per cent above the pre-war year of 1913. Then in 1919 there occurred a more spectacular increase, with the result that by the time prices reached their peak in July, 1920, they were 90.4 per cent above their pre-war level. There was no general price control at the time, although a commission of the Board of Commerce was appointed to enquire into cases of exorbitant price increases or profiteering that affected the public welfare and to administer the Combines and Fair Prices Act.

By comparison, the cost-of-living index during the recent war rose only 17.7 per cent (1939 to 1945 inclusive). Price increases during the first year of peace were more rapid than during the immediately preceding war years. But while the cost-of-living index advanced 13.2 per cent, between November, 1918 and January, 1920, it advanced only 5.9 per cent between September, 1945 and January, 1947.



## Explanation of Cost-of-Living Index

The Cost-of-Living Index is an average of percentage price changes on a long list of items entering into the every-day consumption of typical urban wage-earner families. It is a weighted average, the weights being so designed as to give to each percentage price change a value proportionate to its share in total consumption expenditure. These weights were determined by a special Dominion-wide survey of urban wage-earner families in the year 1938. Occasional revisions in details of the weighting system are necessitated by the disappearance of articles of consumption in short supply, or by the replacement of one particular specification by another. It should be clearly understood, however, that the index itself measures price changes only. The complete system of weights at present in use will be mailed upon enquiry. An account of the method of construction of the index appeared in the Labour Gazette, November, 1946. Reprints of this article will be sent free upon request, addressed to the Prices Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

### SUMMARY OF COST-OF-LIVING INDEX GROUP WEIGHTS

<u>Group</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Foods.....	31
Rentals.....	19
Fuel and Light.....	6
Clothing.....	12
Homefurnishings and Services.....	9
Miscellaneous Items.....	23
TOTAL.....	100

These figures represent the number of cents from each living expenditure dollar spent by a group of typical wage-earner families in the year ending September, 1938. The total cost-of-living index every month is obtained by multiplying each one of these figures by a corresponding group price index and adding up the total. In effect, the total cost-of-living index shows the current number of cents necessary to maintain the pre-war living budget of these families.



Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1913 .....	79.1	89.1	77.1	74.3	87.4	69.6
1914 - January ....	79.9	93.3	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
February ...	80.1	93.7	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
March .....	79.6	92.3	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
April .....	78.9	90.0	75.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
May .....	78.5	89.0	74.9	72.1	87.4	69.6
June .....	78.3	88.1	74.8	72.1	87.4	69.6
July .....	78.6	88.9	74.9	72.1	88.3	69.6
August .....	79.6	92.0	75.0	72.1	88.3	69.6
September ..	80.2	93.6	74.6	72.1	89.2	69.6
October ....	80.9	95.9	74.8	72.1	89.2	69.6
November ...	80.8	95.4	74.8	72.1	90.1	69.6
December ...	80.8	95.2	74.8	72.1	90.1	69.6
Year .....	79.7	92.2	75.1	72.1	88.3	69.6
1915 - January ....	80.7	95.6	74.5	69.8	91.8	69.6
February ...	80.8	95.5	74.5	69.8	93.5	69.6
March .....	80.4	93.9	74.4	69.8	94.4	69.6
April .....	80.1	92.8	74.4	69.8	94.4	69.6
May .....	80.3	93.2	73.5	69.8	95.3	69.6
June .....	79.9	92.2	73.1	69.8	95.3	69.6
July .....	80.2	92.6	73.5	69.8	96.2	69.6
August .....	80.4	92.2	73.5	69.8	97.1	70.3
September ..	80.4	92.0	73.7	69.8	97.9	70.3
October ....	81.0	92.9	73.7	69.8	100.5	70.3
November ...	82.0	95.3	73.8	69.8	100.5	71.0
December ...	82.4	96.6	73.8	69.8	100.5	71.0
Year .....	80.7	93.7	73.8	69.8	96.4	70.0
1916 - January ....	83.4	98.3	73.8	70.6	101.4	71.7
February ...	84.0	99.6	74.1	70.6	102.3	71.7
March .....	84.2	98.9	73.9	70.6	104.1	72.4
April .....	84.4	98.9	73.9	70.6	105.8	72.4
May .....	84.9	99.1	74.1	70.6	107.5	73.1
June .....	85.6	100.7	74.5	70.6	109.3	73.1
July .....	85.8	99.4	74.7	70.6	110.2	74.5
August .....	87.1	102.1	75.1	70.6	111.9	75.2
September ..	88.8	106.1	76.1	70.6	113.7	75.9
October ....	90.2	109.7	76.7	70.6	115.4	75.9
November ...	92.4	115.3	77.9	70.6	117.2	76.6
December ...	93.8	118.9	79.7	70.6	118.9	76.6
Year .....	87.0	103.9	75.4	70.6	109.8	74.1



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(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1917 - January .....	95.7	120.6	82.2	75.8	120.7	76.6
February .....	96.6	123.2	82.3	75.8	121.5	76.6
March .....	98.2	125.8	83.3	75.8	123.3	78.0
April .....	98.9	126.5	81.5	75.8	125.0	79.4
May .....	102.9	138.6	82.2	75.8	126.8	79.4
June .....	103.8	139.2	83.3	75.8	128.5	80.7
July .....	103.4	136.3	83.9	75.8	130.3	81.5
August .....	103.8	136.6	84.7	75.8	131.1	82.1
September ...	104.4	137.1	84.9	75.8	132.9	82.8
October .....	105.6	139.2	85.4	75.8	134.7	83.5
November .....	107.3	143.3	85.6	75.8	136.4	84.2
December .....	108.1	145.1	86.2	75.8	138.1	84.2
Year .....	102.4	134.3	83.8	75.8	129.1	80.7
1918 - January .....	109.2	146.8	88.6	75.8	139.9	84.9
February .....	110.1	148.0	88.7	75.8	142.5	85.6
March .....	111.2	149.5	89.6	76.5	144.3	86.3
April .....	111.7	148.2	89.5	78.0	146.0	87.7
May .....	113.2	149.8	89.6	79.5	147.8	89.1
June .....	114.7	151.5	90.0	81.0	149.5	90.5
July .....	116.1	154.2	91.4	81.7	151.3	91.2
August .....	119.0	159.9	93.9	83.2	154.8	91.9
September ...	118.8	158.4	95.3	81.7	156.5	92.6
October .....	120.2	160.9	96.9	82.5	158.3	93.3
November .....	120.9	160.9	98.2	82.5	160.0	94.7
December .....	121.8	161.9	99.9	82.5	161.7	95.4
Year .....	115.6	154.2	92.6	80.0	151.0	90.3
1919 - January .....	123.0	164.2	101.2	82.5	163.5	96.1
February .....	122.1	160.0	99.7	82.5	165.3	96.8
March .....	121.2	155.5	98.7	83.2	167.0	97.5
April .....	122.7	159.0	98.5	83.2	168.7	98.2
May .....	124.4	161.5	98.1	86.2	170.5	98.9
June .....	125.8	163.2	98.7	88.4	172.3	99.5
July .....	126.6	163.6	98.6	89.1	174.9	100.3
August .....	129.8	171.5	101.8	89.9	176.6	100.9
September .....	129.9	169.7	102.2	90.6	178.4	101.6
October .....	130.2	168.8	101.7	90.6	180.1	103.0
November .....	130.7	168.6	104.0	90.6	181.9	103.7
December .....	132.3	172.3	104.4	90.6	183.6	104.4
Year .....	126.5	164.8	100.7	87.3	173.6	100.0



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(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1920 - January .....	136.8	180.6	106.7	90.6	192.4	106.5
February .....	139.3	184.1	108.1	92.1	201.1	106.5
March .....	142.5	190.3	109.4	92.9	209.9	106.5
April .....	144.3	188.8	111.8	96.6	218.6	107.9
May .....	148.2	196.8	112.2	101.8	221.2	107.9
June .....	150.0	201.7	117.1	101.8	221.2	107.9
July .....	150.6	199.8	120.2	102.5	219.5	111.4
August .....	149.1	194.9	122.9	102.5	218.6	111.4
September ...	147.7	189.5	128.6	104.0	215.1	111.4
October .....	147.4	188.5	133.2	104.7	211.6	111.4
November .....	145.3	182.0	137.4	105.5	208.1	111.4
December .....	143.0	176.3	135.1	105.5	204.6	111.4
Year .....	145.4	189.5	120.2	100.1	211.9	109.3
1921 - January .....	141.7	172.6	136.7	105.5	202.9	111.4
February .....	139.5	168.6	134.7	106.2	194.1	111.4
March .....	135.4	158.4	131.7	107.0	187.1	111.4
April .....	132.6	152.1	129.3	107.7	180.1	111.4
May .....	130.7	148.0	126.9	109.2	173.1	111.4
June .....	126.5	134.9	125.5	110.7	170.5	111.4
July .....	125.5	132.6	125.9	110.7	167.9	111.4
August .....	126.5	137.3	125.9	110.7	164.4	111.4
September ...	127.3	141.4	125.3	110.7	160.9	111.4
October .....	125.6	137.1	126.2	111.4	155.6	111.4
November .....	123.6	132.3	124.7	111.4	152.1	111.4
December .....	123.6	131.0	124.5	111.4	155.6	111.4
Year .....	129.9	145.5	128.1	109.4	172.0	111.4
1922 - January .....	123.5	131.4	123.9	111.4	153.9	111.4
February .....	121.7	126.5	122.9	112.2	151.3	111.4
March .....	121.2	125.7	121.8	112.9	148.6	111.4
April .....	119.9	121.8	120.9	113.7	146.9	111.4
May .....	119.4	121.0	120.2	113.7	145.1	111.4
June .....	119.2	120.5	119.9	114.4	144.3	111.4
July .....	119.4	121.3	119.5	114.4	143.4	111.4
August .....	120.2	123.9	120.0	114.4	143.4	111.4
September ...	119.9	121.6	125.1	115.1	143.4	111.4
October .....	119.8	121.1	127.6	115.1	142.5	111.4
November .....	119.9	121.6	126.5	115.1	142.5	111.4
December .....	120.1	122.7	124.2	115.1	142.5	111.4
Year .....	120.4	123.3	122.7	114.0	145.7	111.4



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	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1923 - January....	120.7	124.3	123.6	115.1	143.4	111.4
February...	120.8	124.1	124.4	115.9	143.4	111.4
March.....	122.1	127.8	124.4	116.6	143.4	111.4
April.....	121.0	124.2	124.4	116.6	143.4	111.4
May.....	120.1	121.6	120.7	117.4	143.4	111.4
June.....	119.8	121.0	119.4	117.4	143.4	111.4
July.....	119.4	120.6	119.6	117.4	144.3	110.0
August.....	120.7	124.6	120.1	117.4	144.3	110.0
September..	120.4	123.5	122.3	117.4	144.3	110.0
October....	121.2	125.6	123.3	117.4	144.3	110.0
November...	121.4	126.2	124.1	117.4	144.3	110.0
December...	121.5	126.7	124.0	117.4	144.3	110.0
Year.....	120.7	124.1	122.5	116.9	143.8	110.7
1924 - January....	121.1	127.5	122.9	117.4	140.8	109.3
February...	120.9	127.0	122.0	117.4	140.8	109.3
March.....	120.2	124.9	121.8	117.4	140.8	109.3
April.....	118.6	119.8	120.7	117.4	140.8	109.3
May.....	117.5	116.7	118.5	117.4	140.8	109.3
June.....	117.2	115.9	117.7	117.4	140.8	109.3
July.....	117.1	117.1	117.6	117.4	140.8	107.9
August.....	118.0	120.2	117.5	117.4	140.8	107.9
September..	118.5	121.5	117.8	117.4	140.8	107.9
October....	118.5	121.6	117.5	117.4	140.8	107.9
November...	119.0	123.3	116.8	117.4	140.8	107.9
December...	119.4	124.6	116.6	117.4	140.8	107.9
Year.....	118.8	121.6	118.9	117.4	140.8	108.6
1925 - January....	119.9	127.0	117.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
February...	120.5	128.8	117.0	117.4	140.8	107.2
March.....	119.6	126.2	116.8	117.4	140.8	107.2
April.....	119.0	124.4	116.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
May.....	118.7	123.4	115.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
June.....	118.5	122.8	115.1	117.4	140.8	107.2
July.....	118.1	123.3	115.3	117.4	139.9	105.8
August.....	119.4	127.5	115.7	117.4	139.9	105.8
September..	119.3	127.0	116.0	117.4	139.9	105.8
October....	120.0	128.2	116.4	117.4	139.9	105.8
November...	121.7	132.1	119.2	117.4	139.9	105.8
December...	123.1	135.9	121.2	117.4	139.9	105.8
Year.....	119.8	127.2	116.8	117.4	140.3	106.5



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	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1926 - January.....	123.0	136.8	119.7	115.9	139.9	106.1
February....	122.8	135.9	118.6	115.9	139.9	106.1
March.....	122.8	136.0	119.2	115.9	139.9	106.1
April.....	122.3	134.3	117.8	115.9	139.9	106.1
May.....	122.0	134.0	115.9	115.9	139.9	106.1
June.....	121.7	132.8	115.7	115.9	139.9	106.1
July.....	121.9	133.5	115.3	115.9	139.9	106.1
August.....	121.7	133.9	115.3	115.9	138.4	106.1
September...	120.8	130.3	115.9	115.9	138.4	106.1
October.....	120.7	130.1	115.9	115.9	138.4	106.1
November....	121.1	131.2	116.4	115.9	138.4	106.1
December....	121.6	132.9	116.4	115.9	138.4	106.1
Year.....	121.8	133.3	116.8	115.9	139.1	106.1
1927 - January.....	121.3	134.8	116.1	114.5	136.2	105.6
February....	120.8	133.3	116.1	114.5	136.2	105.6
March.....	120.3	131.5	115.9	114.5	136.2	105.5
April.....	119.2	128.7	115.0	114.5	135.0	105.4
May.....	119.1	128.8	113.6	114.5	135.0	105.1
June.....	119.4	130.0	112.9	114.5	135.0	105.0
July.....	119.7	130.7	113.2	114.5	135.6	105.0
August.....	119.5	130.3	113.1	114.5	135.6	104.9
September...	119.2	129.1	113.4	114.5	135.6	104.9
October.....	119.6	130.3	114.3	114.5	135.6	104.9
November....	119.9	131.3	114.4	114.5	135.5	104.8
December....	120.3	133.2	114.4	114.5	135.5	104.8
Year.....	119.9	130.8	114.4	114.5	135.6	105.1
1928 - January.....	121.1	133.9	113.8	117.3	135.2	104.8
February....	120.6	132.1	113.9	117.3	135.2	104.8
March.....	120.1	130.3	113.9	117.3	135.2	104.7
April.....	120.0	130.0	113.7	117.3	135.2	104.7
May.....	119.5	128.5	113.0	117.3	135.3	104.7
June.....	119.2	127.9	112.1	117.3	135.3	104.7
July.....	119.5	128.8	112.1	117.3	135.3	104.6
August.....	120.5	131.9	112.5	117.3	135.7	104.6
September...	120.6	132.3	112.6	117.3	135.7	104.8
October.....	121.4	134.8	113.4	117.3	135.7	104.8
November....	121.2	134.3	113.4	117.3	135.7	104.8
December....	121.2	134.0	113.6	117.3	135.7	104.8
Year.....	120.5	131.5	113.2	117.3	135.5	104.8



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	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1929 - January.....	121.0	133.7	113.0	117.3	135.7	104.6
February.....	120.6	132.5	113.1	117.3	135.7	104.5
March.....	120.8	133.3	113.3	117.3	135.3	104.5
April.....	120.1	130.8	113.4	117.3	135.3	104.6
May.....	120.6	130.5	112.5	120.0	134.8	104.8
June.....	120.6	130.4	111.8	120.0	134.8	105.1
July.....	120.8	131.3	111.7	120.0	134.8	105.2
August.....	123.0	138.9	111.9	120.0	134.5	105.4
September...	122.8	138.1	112.0	120.0	134.5	105.5
October.....	123.1	137.6	112.3	122.2	134.5	105.5
November.....	123.5	139.1	113.0	122.2	134.2	105.5
December.....	123.8	139.7	113.2	122.2	134.2	105.5
Year.....	121.7	134.7	112.6	119.7	134.8	105.0
1930 - January.....	124.4	142.0	112.9	122.2	134.2	105.7
February.....	124.1	141.3	112.9	122.2	133.4	105.6
March.....	123.6	139.7	113.0	122.2	133.4	105.6
April.....	122.3	134.8	112.7	122.2	133.4	105.7
May.....	122.0	134.3	111.1	123.4	132.1	105.6
June.....	122.0	133.9	110.9	123.4	132.1	105.6
July.....	121.2	131.3	110.7	123.4	132.1	105.6
August.....	120.5	128.4	111.1	123.4	132.1	105.6
September...	118.4	124.1	111.1	123.4	127.4	105.3
October.....	118.1	123.7	111.8	122.2	127.4	105.3
November.....	118.0	123.5	111.8	122.2	127.4	105.1
December.....	116.8	122.0	111.8	122.2	122.8	104.9
Year.....	120.8	131.5	111.8	122.7	130.6	105.4
1931 - January.....	115.6	118.8	111.1	122.2	122.8	103.9
February.....	114.4	114.1	111.2	122.2	122.8	103.9
March.....	112.3	110.4	111.2	122.2	117.8	103.3
April.....	111.4	107.3	111.1	122.2	117.8	103.3
May.....	109.9	103.6	109.3	119.7	117.8	103.3
June.....	108.0	100.0	109.0	119.7	112.8	103.2
July.....	107.9	99.6	108.8	119.7	112.8	103.2
August.....	108.3	100.7	110.0	119.7	112.8	103.2
September...	106.8	98.0	109.2	119.7	109.3	103.2
October.....	105.1	95.2	109.7	115.1	109.3	103.2
November.....	105.2	95.3	109.9	115.1	109.3	103.2
December.....	104.6	94.9	109.7	115.1	106.3	103.1
Year.....	109.1	103.1	110.0	119.4	114.3	103.3



Table 4. Cost of Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946 - Cont'd  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Sundries Index
1932 - January.....	103.3	92.8	109.5	115.1	106.3	100.6
February.....	102.1	88.7	109.3	115.1	106.3	100.6
March.....	101.3	88.1	109.1	115.1	103.2	100.4
April.....	101.1	87.2	108.2	115.1	103.2	100.5
May.....	98.8	83.9	106.2	108.8	103.2	100.7
June.....	97.9	82.8	106.0	108.8	99.6	100.5
July.....	97.6	81.9	105.7	108.8	99.6	100.3
August.....	98.4	84.7	107.0	108.8	99.6	100.3
September...	97.8	84.0	106.9	108.8	97.1	100.2
October.....	97.0	84.8	105.7	104.3	97.1	100.2
November....	97.1	85.2	105.4	104.3	97.1	100.2
December....	96.7	85.3	104.1	104.3	95.1	100.0
Year.....	99.0	85.7	106.8	109.7	100.6	100.4
1933 - January.....	95.9	83.7	104.2	104.3	95.1	98.6
February.....	94.9	80.8	104.1	104.3	95.1	98.4
March.....	94.3	80.5	103.6	104.3	92.1	98.1
April.....	94.6	81.7	103.6	104.3	92.1	98.1
May.....	93.3	82.5	103.3	97.3	92.1	98.1
June.....	93.3	82.9	102.5	97.3	91.5	98.0
July.....	93.5	84.3	100.5	97.3	91.5	98.0
August.....	95.2	90.4	100.9	97.3	91.5	98.0
September...	95.1	87.9	100.8	97.3	94.4	98.4
October.....	94.2	87.2	101.8	93.2	94.4	98.4
November....	94.3	87.7	101.9	93.2	94.4	98.4
December....	94.8	88.8	102.0	93.2	95.3	98.5
Year.....	94.4	84.9	102.5	98.6	93.3	98.2
1934 - January.....	94.9	90.3	102.0	93.2	95.3	97.7
February.....	95.5	92.6	101.8	93.2	95.3	97.7
March.....	97.1	97.3	102.0	93.2	96.9	97.8
April.....	96.3	94.9	102.3	93.2	96.9	97.8
May.....	95.2	91.7	102.3	92.8	96.9	97.7
June.....	94.9	90.3	101.5	92.8	97.3	97.8
July.....	95.1	91.5	101.2	92.8	97.3	97.8
August.....	95.5	92.7	101.8	92.8	97.3	97.7
September...	95.5	92.0	102.3	92.8	98.1	97.9
October.....	95.9	92.9	102.8	93.7	98.1	97.8
November....	95.9	93.6	102.9	93.7	98.1	97.8
December....	95.7	92.8	102.6	93.7	97.9	97.8
Year.....	95.6	92.7	102.1	93.1	97.1	97.8



Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946 - Cont'd  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1935 - January.....	95.6	92.2	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
February.....	96.1	93.7	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.1	98.9
March.....	96.0	93.5	102.8	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
April.....	95.8	92.7	102.9	93.7	97.9	95.0	98.9
May.....	95.5	92.5	99.3	93.7	97.9	95.1	98.9
June.....	95.4	92.5	98.8	93.7	97.8	95.1	98.9
July.....	95.7	93.5	98.8	93.7	97.8	95.0	98.7
August.....	96.1	94.5	99.6	93.7	97.8	95.0	98.7
September....	96.5	95.6	99.6	93.7	97.4	96.1	98.7
October.....	97.2	97.2	100.7	95.0	97.4	96.1	98.5
November.....	97.6	98.2	101.4	95.0	97.4	96.1	98.5
December.....	97.8	98.7	101.5	95.0	97.3	96.6	98.5
Year.....	96.2	94.6	100.9	94.0	97.6	95.4	98.7
1936 - January.....	97.8	98.5	102.0	95.0	97.3	96.5	98.8
February.....	97.6	97.6	102.2	95.0	97.3	96.4	99.1
March.....	97.7	97.1	102.6	95.0	98.5	97.1	99.1
April.....	96.9	94.6	102.3	95.0	98.5	97.1	99.2
May.....	97.2	94.7	102.3	96.3	98.5	97.0	99.2
June.....	97.2	94.8	100.7	96.3	99.5	97.2	99.2
July.....	98.1	97.7	100.7	96.3	99.5	97.2	99.1
August.....	98.5	99.0	100.6	96.3	99.5	97.1	99.1
September....	98.7	99.6	101.0	96.3	99.5	97.3	99.1
October.....	98.9	99.5	101.2	97.2	99.5	97.3	99.0
November.....	99.1	100.1	101.4	97.2	99.5	97.3	99.0
December.....	99.2	100.0	101.4	97.2	100.0	98.5	99.1
Year.....	98.1	97.8	101.5	96.1	99.3	97.2	99.1
1937 - January.....	99.4	100.3	99.9	97.2	100.0	98.9	99.6
February.....	99.4	100.4	100.0	97.2	100.0	98.8	99.8
March.....	99.5	99.9	99.9	97.2	100.4	100.4	99.8
April.....	99.7	100.6	99.9	97.2	100.4	100.5	99.9
May.....	100.5	101.4	99.4	100.3	100.4	100.5	99.9
June.....	100.8	101.8	97.3	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.0
July.....	101.5	103.7	97.2	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.3
August.....	102.1	105.6	97.9	100.3	101.6	102.1	100.3
September....	102.3	105.7	97.9	100.3	101.8	103.1	100.3
October.....	102.9	106.5	98.7	102.1	101.8	103.1	100.3
November.....	102.9	106.4	99.0	102.1	101.8	103.0	100.3
December.....	102.6	105.6	99.6	102.1	101.8	103.0	100.2
Year.....	101.2	103.2	98.9	99.7	101.4	101.5	100.1



Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946 - Cont'd  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1938 - January.....	102.4	104.4	98.1	102.1	101.8	103.1	101.2
February.....	102.3	103.9	98.1	102.1	101.8	103.1	101.2
March.....	102.8	105.7	98.4	102.1	101.3	102.9	101.2
April.....	102.8	105.9	98.4	102.1	101.3	102.8	101.2
May.....	102.4	103.6	97.9	103.8	101.3	102.8	101.2
June.....	102.4	104.1	96.8	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.2
July.....	102.6	104.7	96.7	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.2
August.....	103.1	106.2	96.9	103.8	101.3	102.3	101.3
September.....	102.1	103.1	97.1	103.8	100.8	101.9	101.3
October.....	101.7	102.0	97.6	103.4	100.8	101.9	101.2
November.....	101.5	101.5	98.0	103.4	100.8	101.9	101.2
December.....	101.1	100.5	98.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.2
Year.....	102.2	103.8	97.7	103.1	100.9	102.4	101.2
1939 - January.....	101.1	99.9	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1
February.....	100.7	98.7	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1
March.....	100.6	98.5	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.2	101.1
April.....	100.6	98.3	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.1	101.4
May.....	100.6	98.2	100.2	103.8	99.9	101.1	101.4
June.....	100.5	98.1	99.8	103.8	100.1	101.0	101.3
July.....	100.8	99.0	99.3	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3
August.....	100.8	99.3	99.0	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3
September.....	100.8	99.4	98.9	103.8	99.6	100.8	101.3
October.....	103.5	106.3	104.4	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.7
November.....	103.8	107.1	105.3	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.9
December.....	103.8	104.7	105.4	104.4	103.3	104.1	102.0
Year.....	101.5	100.6	101.2	103.8	100.7	101.4	101.4
1940 - January.....	103.8	104.5	105.5	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.8
February.....	103.8	104.5	105.8	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.9
March.....	104.6	104.8	105.7	104.4	107.8	105.9	101.9
April.....	104.6	104.8	105.9	104.4	107.8	106.1	101.8
May.....	104.9	104.4	106.1	106.9	107.8	106.2	101.8
June.....	104.9	103.8	106.0	106.9	109.1	106.5	101.8
July.....	105.6	105.3	107.9	106.9	109.1	106.9	102.2
August.....	105.9	105.4	108.4	106.9	109.1	106.9	103.0
September.....	106.6	105.4	108.5	106.9	113.1	109.4	102.8
October.....	107.0	106.1	108.0	107.7	113.5	109.7	102.8
November.....	107.8	108.7	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.0	102.8
December.....	108.0	109.1	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.7	102.8
Year.....	105.6	105.6	107.1	106.3	109.2	107.2	102.3



Table 4. Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946 - Cont'd  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1941 - January.....	108.3	109.7	108.6	107.7	113.7	110.8	103.1
February.....	108.2	108.8	108.7	107.7	114.1	111.5	103.1
March.....	108.2	109.0	108.9	107.7	114.2	111.6	102.9
April.....	108.6	110.1	108.9	107.7	114.3	111.7	102.9
May.....	109.4	109.7	109.2	109.7	114.5	111.8	105.1
June.....	110.5	112.5	110.2	109.7	114.9	112.1	105.6
July.....	111.9	116.6	110.5	109.7	115.1	113.0	105.6
August.....	113.7	121.3	110.5	109.7	115.7	114.3	106.1
September....	114.7	123.3	110.9	109.7	117.4	115.8	106.4
October.....	115.5	123.2	112.1	111.2	119.6	117.3	106.5
November.....	116.3	125.4	112.7	111.2	120.0	117.9	106.7
December.....	115.8	123.8	112.7	111.2	119.9	117.9	106.7
Year.....	111.7	116.1	110.3	109.4	116.1	113.8	105.1
1942 - January.....	115.4	122.3	112.9	111.2	119.9	118.0	106.8
February.....	115.7	123.1	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1
March.....	115.9	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1
April.....	115.9	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.1	107.1
May.....	116.1	124.3	112.9	111.3	119.9	118.0	107.1
June.....	116.7	126.2	112.6	111.3	119.9	117.9	107.1
July.....	117.9	130.3	112.5	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1
August.....	117.7	129.6	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
September....	117.4	128.5	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
October.....	117.8	129.8	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
November.....	118.6	132.4	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1
December.....	118.8	132.8	112.8	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.2
Year.....	117.0	127.2	112.8	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1
1943 - January.....	117.1	127.3	112.8	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.5
February.....	116.9	126.7	112.7	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.5
March.....	117.2	127.7	112.7	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.5
April.....	117.6	128.7	112.7	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.7
May.....	118.1	129.9	112.7	111.5	120.2	117.8	108.0
June.....	118.5	130.9	113.0	111.5	120.4	117.8	108.2
July.....	118.8	131.8	113.4	111.5	120.5	117.8	108.2
August.....	119.2	133.2	113.4	111.5	120.6	117.9	108.2
September....	119.4	133.5	113.4	111.5	120.6	118.2	108.3
October.....	119.3	132.9	113.3	111.9	121.1	118.2	108.3
November.....	119.4	133.1	113.3	111.9	121.1	118.2	108.3
December.....	119.3	132.7	111.9	111.9	121.1	118.8	108.6
Year.....	118.4	130.7	112.9	111.5	120.5	118.0	108.0



Table 4. Cost of Living Index Numbers, Canada, 1913-1946 - Concl'd  
(1935-1939=100)

	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscella- neous Index
1944 - January.....	119.0	131.5	112.7	111.9	121.1	118.4	108.9
February.....	118.9	130.9	113.0	111.9	121.3	118.4	109.1
March.....	119.0	131.1	113.0	111.9	121.3	118.4	109.0
April.....	119.1	131.5	113.0	111.9	121.4	118.4	109.0
May.....	119.2	131.7	112.5	111.9	121.5	118.5	109.0
June.....	119.0	131.1	112.5	111.9	121.5	118.4	109.0
July.....	119.0	132.0	108.9	111.9	121.5	118.3	109.0
August.....	118.9	131.5	108.7	111.9	121.5	118.5	109.0
September.....	118.8	131.2	108.7	111.9	121.5	118.4	109.0
October.....	118.6	130.8	108.7	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9
November.....	118.9	131.6	108.1	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9
December.....	118.5	130.3	108.1	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9
Year.....	118.9	131.3	110.6	111.9	121.5	118.4	108.9
1945 - January.....	118.6	130.2	109.1	112.0	121.8	118.3	109.2
February.....	118.6	130.6	107.4	112.0	121.7	118.4	109.2
March.....	118.7	131.0	107.3	112.0	121.7	118.5	109.2
April.....	118.7	131.0	106.7	112.0	121.8	118.5	109.2
May.....	119.0	131.7	106.6	112.1	122.0	118.9	109.4
June.....	119.6	133.4	106.6	112.1	122.1	118.9	109.4
July.....	120.3	135.6	106.5	112.1	122.2	119.2	109.4
August.....	120.5	136.2	106.5	112.1	122.1	119.3	109.5
September.....	119.9	134.2	106.7	112.1	122.2	119.4	109.5
October.....	119.7	133.3	106.7	112.3	122.4	119.4	109.6
November.....	119.9	134.0	106.6	112.3	122.5	119.4	109.6
December.....	120.1	134.3	107.1	112.3	122.5	119.5	109.6
Year.....	119.5	133.0	107.0	112.1	122.1	119.0	109.4
1946 - January.....	119.9	132.8	107.1	112.3	122.6	119.5	110.9
February.....	119.9	132.5	107.1	112.3	122.7	120.1	110.9
March.....	120.1	133.1	107.2	112.3	123.1	120.4	110.9
April.....	120.8	135.1	107.2	112.3	123.2	120.7	111.0
May.....	122.0	137.7	107.2	112.6	123.7	122.1	111.5
June.....	123.6	142.1	107.2	112.6	124.3	122.4	112.1
July.....	125.1	144.2	107.2	112.6	126.4	125.1	113.7
August.....	125.6	144.7	107.2	112.6	127.6	127.0	113.8
September.....	125.5	143.2	107.2	112.6	129.6	128.4	113.9
October.....	126.8	146.5	107.3	113.4	130.2	128.8	113.9
November.....	127.1	146.6	108.6	113.4	131.1	129.2	114.1
December.....	127.1	146.4	109.2	113.4	131.2	129.4	114.1
Year.....	123.6	140.4	107.4	112.7	126.3	124.5	112.6



Table 5. Dominion and City Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, August, 1939-1946  
(August 1939=100)

	Domin- ion	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Winni- peg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
1939 - August.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September.....	100.0	99.4	99.9	99.7	99.7	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8
October.....	102.7	102.9	102.5	104.1	102.5	102.8	103.6	102.8	102.1
November.....	103.0	103.4	102.7	104.2	102.6	102.7	103.9	103.7	102.3
December.....	103.0	103.3	103.4	104.7	103.2	102.9	104.8	103.8	102.6
1940 - January.....	103.0	103.9	103.3	104.4	102.4	102.7	104.5	103.1	102.1
February.....	103.0	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	103.0
March.....	103.8	104.7	103.9	105.5	102.8	103.2	105.1	103.4	103.2
April.....	103.8	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.5
May.....	104.1	106.1	104.4	105.9	103.3	103.3	105.3	104.0	103.8
June.....	104.1	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.1
July.....	104.8	106.8	104.9	107.3	104.0	104.5	105.6	103.8	103.4
August.....	105.1	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.8
September.....	105.6	107.6	105.2	108.1	105.0	104.3	105.8	104.0	103.9
October.....	106.2	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.1
November.....	106.9	107.5	108.0	109.3	105.9	106.0	107.9	105.1	105.1
December.....	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.4
Year.....	104.8	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941 - January.....	107.4	108.4	108.4	110.0	105.9	106.6	109.3	105.6	105.5
February.....	107.3	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.2
March.....	107.3	107.4	107.9	109.8	106.2	105.9	108.8	105.3	106.3
April.....	107.7	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.6
May.....	108.5	108.1	108.6	110.0	107.6	106.8	109.9	106.3	107.0
June.....	109.6	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
July.....	111.0	110.4	110.3	113.5	110.2	108.9	111.1	108.1	109.4
August.....	112.8	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.5
September.....	113.8	112.6	112.6	115.8	113.0	111.7	115.1	111.4	112.1
October.....	114.6	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
November.....	115.4	113.7	114.6	117.2	115.0	113.1	116.4	111.6	113.0
December.....	114.9	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.5
Year.....	110.8	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	109.1

Table 5. Dominion and City Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, August, 1939-1946 - Cont'd  
(August 1939=100)

	Domin- ion	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Winni- peg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van couver
1942 - January.....	114.5	113.0	114.5	116.6	114.1	112.2	115.7	110.8	112.0
February.....	114.8	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.2
March.....	115.0	113.5	115.3	117.3	114.7	112.6	116.0	111.1	112.3
April.....	115.0	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.3
May.....	115.2	113.5	115.1	117.7	114.9	112.9	115.7	111.4	112.8
June.....	115.8	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.1	113.3
July.....	117.0	114.8	116.7	119.3	116.8	114.6	117.4	114.2	115.3
August.....	116.8	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.2	115.3
September.....	116.5	115.3	116.3	118.5	116.0	114.1	116.3	113.3	115.4
October.....	116.9	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.8	115.8
November.....	117.7	115.9	117.1	120.1	116.8	115.3	118.3	114.7	116.9
December.....	117.9	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.2	117.2
Year.....	116.1	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943 - January.....	116.2	115.1	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	114.0	116.1
February.....	116.0	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.7	115.1
March.....	116.3	115.2	116.2	119.0	115.2	114.4	117.0	113.9	115.9
April.....	116.7	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.3	117.1
May.....	117.2	116.6	117.2	119.4	115.8	114.9	117.7	115.1	117.5
June.....	117.6	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.5	117.3
July.....	117.9	117.5	118.4	121.3	117.0	115.3	118.4	115.8	117.9
August.....	118.3	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.3	118.2
September.....	118.5	118.6	119.0	121.5	117.5	115.4	118.9	116.2	118.1
October.....	118.4	118.2	118.4	121.5	117.5	115.4	119.0	116.2	118.3
November.....	118.5	118.1	118.4	121.7	117.5	115.5	119.2	116.3	118.4
December.....	118.4	118.1	118.5	121.4	117.4	115.4	119.5	116.4	118.1
Year.....	117.5	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944 - January.....	118.1	117.9	118.5	121.1	117.0	115.5	119.5	116.1	117.4
February.....	118.0	117.9	118.6	121.0	117.0	115.4	119.3	116.1	117.4
March.....	118.1	118.0	118.7	121.1	117.1	115.4	119.3	115.9	117.8
April.....	118.2	118.2	118.7	121.2	117.2	115.7	119.4	116.1	117.8
May.....	118.3	118.4	118.9	120.9	117.4	115.8	119.4	116.1	118.0
June.....	118.1	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.5	119.3	116.2	118.1
July.....	118.1	118.5	118.9	120.7	117.3	116.0	119.8	116.9	118.7
August.....	118.0	119.0	119.6	120.2	117.1	115.7	119.6	116.5	117.7
September.....	117.9	118.6	118.8	120.2	117.1	115.5	119.2	116.2	117.9
October.....	117.7	118.4	118.7	120.1	117.0	115.8	119.2	116.3	118.1
November.....	118.0	118.4	118.8	120.5	117.0	116.1	119.6	116.7	118.5
December.....	117.6	118.4	118.4	120.2	116.5	115.8	119.2	116.2	117.9
Year.....	118.0	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9



Table 5. Dominion and City Cost-of-Living Index Numbers, August, 1939-1946 -- Concl'd  
(August 1939=100)

	Domin- ion	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Winni- peg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
1945 - January.....	117.7	118.6	118.5	120.6	116.8	115.8	119.4	116.4	118.0
February.....	117.7	118.8	118.6	120.9	116.7	116.0	119.4	116.6	118.4
March.....	117.8	118.7	118.8	121.0	116.9	116.1	119.4	116.7	118.5
April.....	117.8	118.7	118.8	121.0	116.9	116.2	119.6	116.8	118.6
May.....	118.1	118.7	119.0	121.4	117.3	116.4	119.7	117.1	119.1
June.....	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.9	118.3	117.2	119.9	117.3	120.0
July.....	119.3	120.1	120.7	123.4	118.5	118.2	121.0	118.3	120.3
August.....	119.5	121.1	120.9	123.6	118.6	118.0	121.2	118.4	120.4
September....	118.9	119.9	119.5	122.4	118.1	117.0	120.9	118.3	119.4
October.....	118.8	119.4	119.5	122.2	117.9	116.8	120.3	117.9	119.0
November.....	118.9	119.4	119.6	122.5	118.0	117.0	120.7	118.2	119.5
December.....	119.1	119.6	119.7	122.6	118.3	117.0	120.7	118.4	119.7
Year.....	118.6	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946 - January.....	118.9	119.6	119.8	122.4	118.2	117.1	120.7	118.0	119.1
February.....	118.9	119.3	119.7	122.2	118.2	117.1	120.6	117.8	119.2
March.....	119.1	119.6	119.9	122.4	118.5	117.6	120.7	117.9	119.5
April.....	119.8	120.3	120.6	123.1	119.3	118.4	121.7	119.1	120.4
May.....	121.0	121.1	121.4	124.2	120.2	118.9	122.7	119.2	122.0
June.....	122.6	122.4	122.5	125.8	121.9	120.9	125.3	121.2	123.7
July.....	124.1	123.7	123.8	127.4	123.0	122.1	126.1	122.9	124.6
August.....	124.6	125.0	124.6	128.3	123.5	122.1	126.1	123.2	124.7
September....	124.5	124.4	124.4	128.2	123.6	121.7	125.9	123.0	124.5
October.....	125.8	125.0	124.9	129.5	124.9	122.7	127.2	123.9	125.9
November.....	126.1	125.0	125.2	129.2	125.1	123.1	127.9	124.7	126.3
December.....	126.1	125.1	125.1	129.1	125.0	123.2	128.2	124.8	126.6
Year.....	122.6	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0















